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California University of Pennsylvania to offer online master's degree in legal studies and public policy

HARRISBURG, PA (January 8, 2004) - The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Board of Governors has approved a new Master of Science degree in legal studies and public policy to be offered online by California University of Pennsylvania.

The program is designed to prepare students for career opportunities in government and public service by providing them with the ability to analyze and critique the law and its implications from a social, administrative, judicial and managerial perspective.

Graduates of the program will be able to utilize their newly learned skills to work in a variety of legal settings, including as law office administrators, paralegals and judicial and title clerks. The program will prepare career-oriented individuals in the fields of banking, finance and business, as well.

"The program also will be appealing to traditional justice employees, such as police, correctional personnel and human service specialists, who desire intellectual and occupational improvement," said Dr. Charles P. Nemeth, who will direct the new program at California University.

Because the program will be delivered online, it will be available not only to Pennsylvania residents, but to interested students virtually anywhere, Nemeth added.

Offered through the State System's Keystone University Network, the new degree program will require students to complete a core program of 12 credits, plus an additional 18 to 24 credits of electives. Students selecting the thesis option will complete the core curriculum, 18 credits of electives and a six-credit thesis. Those who do not choose to complete a thesis will be required to take 24 credits of electives in addition to the 12 credits of required courses.

Data from the U.S. Department of Labor indicate growing employment opportunities in the area of law and legal studies at all levels. Because California University's program will be web-based, it will enable adult, non-traditional, working students to enroll and take classes at their convenience.

The university will seek to work closely with the American Bar Association's Public Education Committee in order to help ensure the quality of the new program, which will begin accepting students this fall. An advisory board also will help oversee the new program and provide external feedback on program and workforce needs.

With more than 104,000 students, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education is the largest provider of higher education in the Commonwealth. Its 14 universities offer more than 250 degree and certificate programs in more than 120 areas of study. More than 375,000 System alumni live and work in Pennsylvania.

The state-owned universities are Bloomsburg, California, Cheyney, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Lock Haven, Mansfield, Millersville, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock and West Chester Universities of Pennsylvania. The System also operates branch campuses in Clearfield, Kittanning, Oil City and Punxsutawney and several regional centers, including the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg. The regional centers are part of the Educational Resources Group, which is responsible for coordinating statewide programming.

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Master of Science in Legal Studies: Law and Public Policy
GRADUATE COURSE SCHEDULE
Summer 2004 to Summer 2005
8 Week Sessions

8 Weeks Session Dates		
Summer 2004 <u>June 28, 2004 – August 16, 2004</u>	LAW 600 Law and Public Policy	LAW 603 Law and Legal Method
Fall 2004 <u>August 30, 2004 – October 18, 2004</u>	LAW 601 Law and Ethics	LAW 602 Law, Civil Liberties and the Constitution
Fall 2004 <u>October 25, 2004 – December 13, 2004</u>	LAW 700 Law and the International Community	LAW 608 Law and Civil Litigation
Spring 2005 <u>January 10, 2005 – February 28, 2005</u>	LAW 703 Law and the Environment	LAW 704 Law, Business and the Workplace
Spring 2005 <u>March 7, 2005 – April 25, 2005</u>	LAW 605 Law and Police Process	LAW 702 Law, Science and Forensic Applications
Summer 2005 <u>May 16, 2005 – July 4, 2005</u>	LAW 607 Law and Criminal Conduct	LAW 609 Law, Culture and Society



Master of Arts in Criminal Justice
GRADUATE COURSE SCHEDULE
Spring 2004 to Fall 2004
8 Week Sessions

8 Weeks Session Dates	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Spring 2004 January 13, 2004 - March 4, 2004	CRJ 795 Legal Research		CRJ 746 Law & Ethics
Spring 2004 March 9, 2004 - April 29, 2004	LAW 605 Law and Police Process	CRJ 747 Financial Investigations	POS 747 Civil Liberties Justice Processes
Summer 2004 May 4, 2004 - June 24, 2004	POS 700 Public Policy		GEO 737 Geographic Information Systems
Summer 2004 June 29, 2004 - August 19, 2004 * Students may choose either SOS 717 or POS 745	LAW 607 Law and Criminal Conduct	SOS 717 Analysis of Power Structure *	POS 745 Legislative Process *
Fall 2004 August 31, 2004 - October 21, 2004	MGT 742 Human Resource Management		EDP 600 Statistical Methods
Fall 2004 October 26, 2004 - December 16, 2004	CRJ 748 Criminal Organization & Management		CRJ 749 Seminar in Justice Studies

NOTE: SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

M.A. IN SOCIAL SCIENCE Criminal Justice Track

The Criminal Justice track of the Social Science Master of Arts Degree at California University of Pennsylvania serves two primary purposes:

- 1) to allow for advanced study of the functions and processes of the American justice system; and
- 2) to prepare students for career advancement in the justice system, whether in policing, law, corrections, investigations or human service positions.

The track offers a wide range of courses and an inter-disciplinary approach that prepares graduates for a multitude of opportunities in the criminal and civil justice systems.

Promotions and advancement are highly competitive. Having a Master of Arts in Social Science/Criminal Justice will give you an undeniable edge. At California University of Pennsylvania, we value the experience you bring to the classroom, and that makes the classroom atmosphere even more enriching.

The program delivers a comprehensive picture of justice operations and focuses on areas necessary for career advancement. Courses address the management, personnel and financial aspects of operations, ethics and morality, in depth studies regarding emerging criminal activity and advanced research in specialized areas.

A Professional Program in the Liberal Arts Tradition

As in the medieval university, the study of law and justice was an integral intellectual endeavor. Sitting side by side with the medical arts, philosophy, theology, mathematics and rhetoric, law has played a central and crucial role in academia. Cal U's program content spans these disciplines as well and will challenge students beyond the confines of the workplace.

The course of study includes:

- A wide array of required and elective courses in fields such as business, political science, psychology, sociology and social work.
- Courses that deal with ethics, morality, jurisprudence, substantive and procedural law, and constitutional inquiry.
- Course requirements that challenge and improve writing skills.
- Opportunities for advancement through thesis options, independent studies and special topic papers.
- Public speaking practice and enhancement.

Cal U's accelerated format of eight-week sessions, with classes meeting Tuesday and Thursday evenings, allows you to earn your degree in a year. The courses are conveniently offered at the Regional Enterprise Tower, Cal U's state-of-the-art facility in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh.

Tuition is affordable at California University of Pennsylvania. Current tuition for Pennsylvania residents can be obtained on our Web site www.cup.edu or by e-mailing nemeth@cup.edu

Criminal Justice Course Requirements

I. Core Courses: Fifteen (15) semester hours

LAW 607	Law and Criminal Conduct <i>or</i>
SOS 717 SOS 716	Analysis of Power Structure Social, Economic and Political Order <i>or</i>
POS 700 EDP 600 CRJ 795	Public Policy Statistics Legal and Justice Research Methods <i>or</i>
PSY 766	Psychological Statistics <i>or</i>
SOS 800 GEE 537	Social Science Research Techniques Computer Science <i>or</i>
GEO 737	Geographic Information Systems

II. Criminal Justice Core: Twelve to Eighteen (12-18) semester hours

CRJ 746 CRJ 748	Law and Ethics Criminal Justice Organization & Management
CRJ 747 CRJ 749 MGT 742 POS 747	Financial Investigations Seminar in Justice Studies Human Resource Management Civil Liberties and Judicial Process

III. Criminal Justice Electives: Six (6) semester hours

GEO 711	Demographic Analysis
GEO 714	Urban Environment
GEO 739	Regional Planning
GEO 789	Comprehensive Planning
GEO 768	Map and Aerial Photo Interpretation
ANT 708	Historic Sites Archeology
POS 704	American Political Ideas
POS 745	The Legislative Process
SWK 815	Criminal and Juvenile Justice Practice
SWK 816	Practice with Children and Youth
SWK 821	Drug and Alcohol Abuse
BUS 741	Business Law
BUS 743	Business, Society and Government
FIN 711	Financial Management
LAW605	Law and Police Process
LAW606	Law, Punishment and Corrections
LAW730	Independent Study in Law & Public Policy
RES 849	Thesis

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission, you must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, and you must have graduated with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. A combination of life experience and other training, as well as conditional admission may permit case-by-case review of applications.

Do not hesitate to contact the Director. Submit the following to the California University School of Graduate Studies and Research:

- The Application for Admission
- A non-refundable \$25 application fee
- Final official sealed transcripts from all colleges and universities attended

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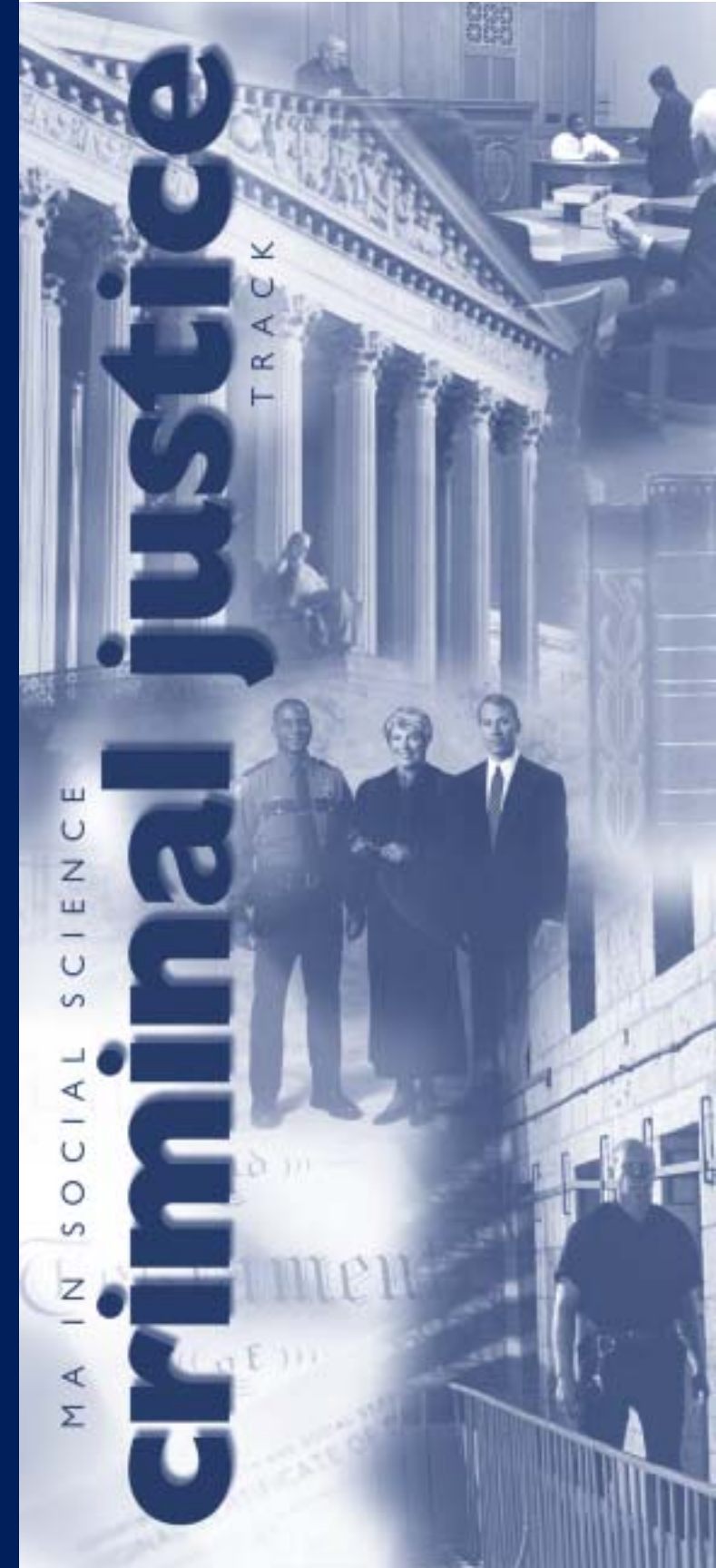
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The Institute for Law and Public Policy is a multifaceted organization dedicated to education,

scholarship and research on public policy and its implications in the community.

The ILPP is both a sponsor and provider of continuing education for justice professionals, from police and lawyers, correctional personnel and human service workers, to professional security specialists and judicial personnel.

The ILPP provides a forum for not only the study of timely and long term issues in criminal and civil justice, but also the locus for applied studies and theoretical analysis of specific problems funded through third parties and entities. The faculty and staff of the ILPP is available to the general and local justice community for consultation and advice.



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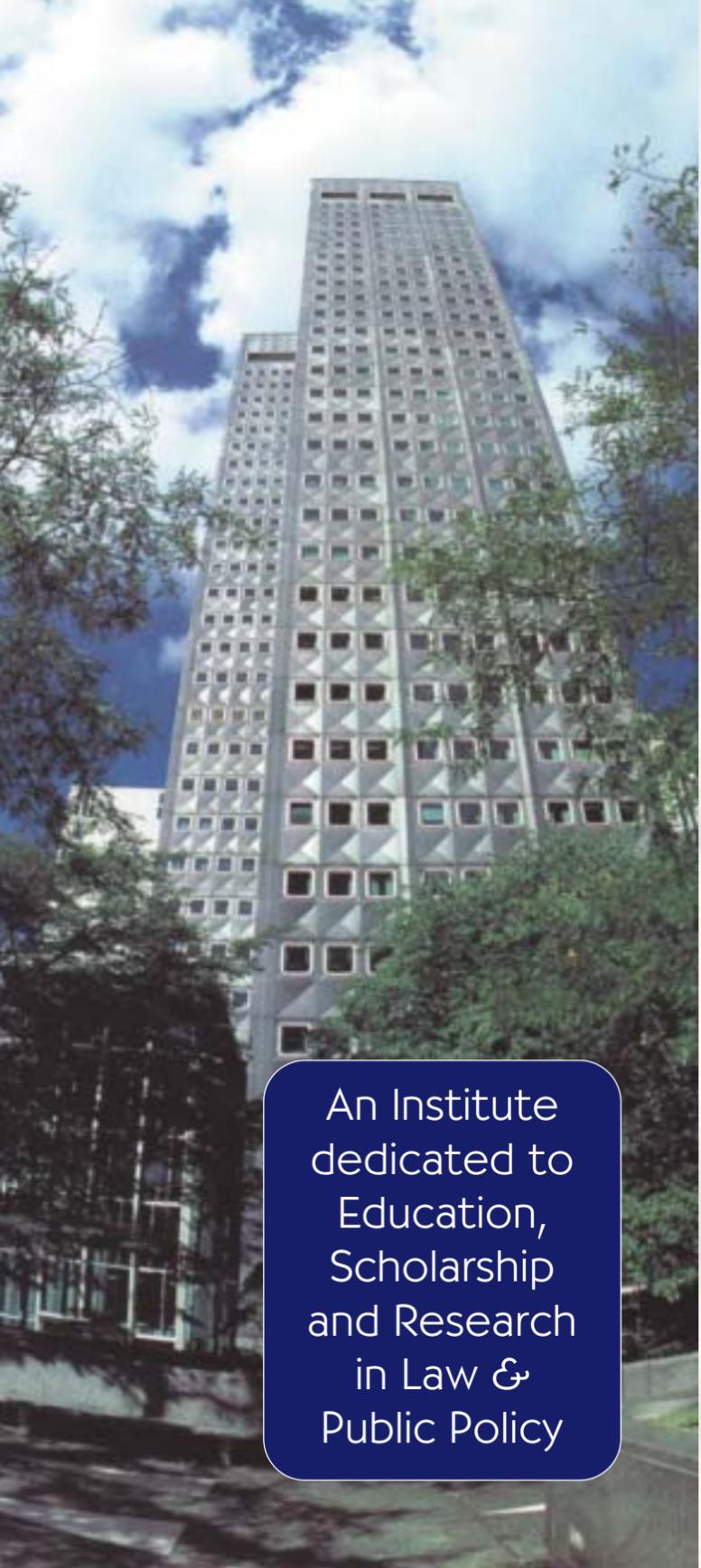
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Other major functions of the ILPP include:

- * White Papers on Select Legal Issues
- * Formal Studies of Particular Justice Problems
- * Forums for Debate and Exchange on Perennial Problems in the Legal System
- * Open Discussion and Debate Sessions at Host or Competing Universities
- * Alliances of Colleges and Universities with Similar Interests
- * Publication of a Monthly Newsletter
- * Press Releases on Topical Questions
- * Interaction with Local Media and Television
- * Publication of a Scholarly Journal

The ILPP is a dynamic, pro-active contributor to the legal community. As a Center for the exchange of ideas and debate, both contentious and friendly, communication among the various players in the system will flourish. ILPP provides a much needed clearinghouse for justice and legal practitioners in the global community in the areas of research, scholarly study, networking and education.

The Institute for Law and Public Policy of California University of Pennsylvania is situated at the Regional Enterprise Tower in downtown Pittsburgh, PA.



Situated in the Regional Enterprise Tower, the Institute has access to state of the art facilities to assist local justice practitioners in meeting continuing education and training.

The Institute for Law and Public Policy's underlying mission rests in the dissemination of information, trends, and innovations about the American justice system. The Institute serves as a center for study and analysis of justice issues that impact the community and the justice professions that serve the citizenry. The ILPP is a collective of justice and legal professionals whose input, insight and acumen lend opinion to matters of public concern.

The ILPP:

- * issues reports, opinion letters, findings and general conclusions about diverse questions pertinent to justice operations;
- * conducts studies on specific questions;
- * acts as a resource center for justice agencies, collects data, works in the world of grants and subsidy; and,
- * serves as a catalyst for discussion, debate and the exchange of ideas.

M.S. IN LEGAL STUDIES Law & Public Policy Track

Cal U's M.S. in Legal Studies: Law and Public Policy allows seasoned practitioners and scholarly graduate students the opportunity to address, analyze and critique the law and its implications from a social, administrative, judicial, operational, philosophical and managerial perspective.

The study of law and public policy crosses into diverse territory—whether policing and judicial clerkship, title examination or law firm administration—the skills of legal analysis and application are universally in demand. The program enhances your ability to advocate and argue; increases research and assessment skills; hones a disposition to reconcile and mediate and develops human and institutional skills necessary for action, legislation or policy implementation. The program in Legal Studies: Law and Public Policy applies in a myriad of settings and allows significant horizontal or vertical transfer for persons already employed.

For so many non-traditional students, the opportunity to prove worth and value is often bound up in a graduate program. The program's primary aim is to serve the interests of those who labor in law, beyond the usual targets of judge and lawyer. Professional persons in both the private and public sector work in legal settings with diverse legal applications. Cal Legal Studies: Law and Public Policy delivers a highly sophisticated legal education that leads to greater levels of understanding and responsibility. California's Graduate Degree in Legal Studies: Law and Public Policy will help you strive for personal, intellectual, occupational and professional growth.

A Web-based Degree Program

Distance or Web-based learning plays a major role in the journey to upward mobility and uniquely affords opportunities to prospective students too often forgotten by institutions of higher learning. California University of Pennsylvania, through the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education online university, the Keystone University Network, is intent on serving a new generation of student learners in the virtual classroom where accessibility is no longer an issue, where time, job and family demands can be accommodated and where a world of learning can be tackled at a pace slightly different than the traditional classroom environment.

A community of students and scholar/faculty will work online and function as a group of interactive peers. This virtual community – known as a cohort – creates a lively, dynamic educational experience that enriches the collaborative skills essential in the contemporary workplace. The courses will be asynchronous; therefore the student will not need to be on their computer at the same time as the instructor or other students.

Cal U's Law and Public Policy program can be completed in just over one calendar year (one academic year and two summers). Once a cohort is formed that cohort moves through the program together. During the course of the program a cyber learning community is formed. To learn more about the rights and responsibilities of cohort membership please visit the web at www.cup.edu/gradcatalog/policies/cohorts.shtm

A program for experienced practitioners seeking personal, professional and intellectual growth

M.S. in Legal Studies: Law and Public Policy Curriculum

Core Courses: Twelve (12) semester hours

LAW 600	Law and Public Policy
LAW 601	Law and Ethics
LAW 602	Law, Civil Liberties and the Constitution
LAW 603	Law and Legal Method

Law and Public Policy Electives: 24 or 25 hours semester hours

LAW 605	Law and Police Process
LAW 606	Law, Punishment and Corrections
LAW 607	Law and Criminal Conduct
LAW 608	Law and Civil Litigation
LAW 609	Law, Culture and Society
LAW 610	Law, Justice and the Family
LAW 700	Law and the International Community
LAW 701	Law and Administrative Agencies
LAW 702	Law, Science and Forensic Applications
LAW 703	Law and the Environment
LAW 704	Law, Business and the Workplace
LAW 730	Independent Study in Law and Public Policy
RES 849	Thesis (optional)

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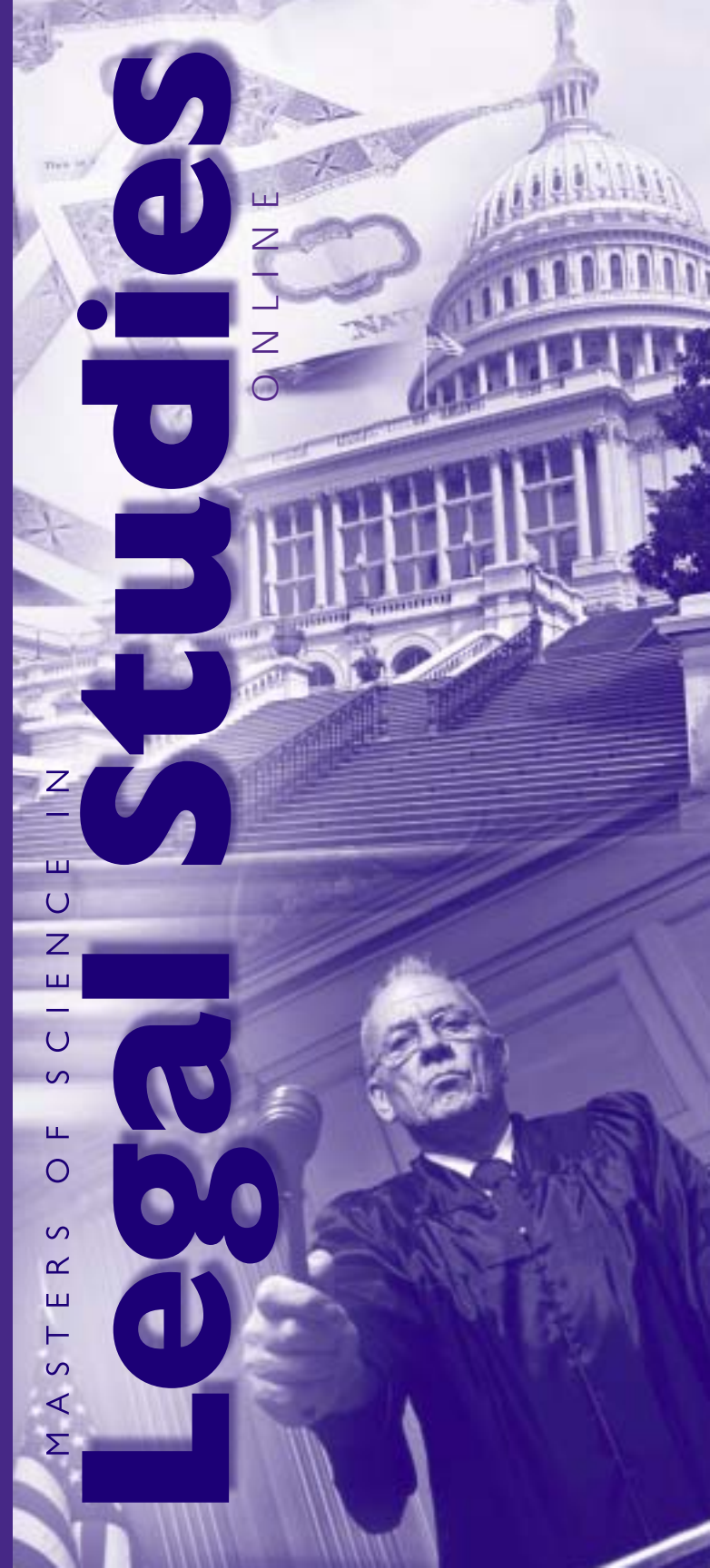
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